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Falling Back On Brown

Martin Men Circulate Report of Westminster Politician's Conversion.

Candidates in Victoria Announce Series of Public Addresses.

Renewal of the rumors that Mr. J. C. Brown of New Westminster has cast in his lot with Hon. Joseph Martin and as a reward will be taken into his Cabinet—if by any mischance for the country Hon. Mr. Martin has aught to say for the cabinet after the 9th of June—furnishes the most interesting feature of yesterday's political gossip, many of "Winechester's" old associates in politics sharing the opinion that a compact of some sort has been made between him and the government leader. ***

From Esquimalt district the news is received that a convention of resident farmers will be held toward the close of the present week to nominate candidates who shall speak for the farmers—regard for party allegiance not being the chief element for consideration. Mr. Hayward will, of course, be one of the two nominees, according to the programme.

Mr. Donald Fraser, the Martinito so early in the field in Esquimalt, is beginning to find that he no longer entertains the electors. If the thermometer does not take a sudden and erratic change upward with him, he stands in extreme danger of perishing from frost. His last meeting was at Otter Point, on Saturday, and it was an audience of three that he addressed his remarks. ***

In North Victoria Mr. J. J. White, of Sidney, has come forward with an endorsement of the Martin platform, and announces himself as out to defeat Mr. Booth; while in Cowichan, friends of Mr. Herd are endeavoring to induce him to offer himself as a sacrifice on the Martin altar. ***

In North Nanaimo a requisition has been presented to Mr. John Bryden, bearing two hundred signatures—and these of the solid people of the district—asking him to be again a candidate, in which event there is no question but that he will be once more returned with increased enthusiasm. The Liberals of this constituency are understood to have arranged for a meeting to-night at Wellington.

Hon. Mr. Ryder is once again back in his office directing the financial machinery of the country. He expects to find his opponent in Comox in the person of Mr. Mounce, a resident who enjoys the reputation of being a man of hard, practical common sense, and is assured of decisive victory.

Mr. Ralph Smith was also in the city yesterday, and contributes his own positive denial to the report circulated with a view to discrediting him—that he had become a Martin follower. ***

At the opposition committee rooms on Government street yesterday evening, a meeting of the executive and chairman of the ward committees was held, and organization for the campaign was perfected with much enthusiasm.

Committees were named to arrange details for Thursday night's big meeting in the A.O.U.W. hall, and also to provide campaign literature; while several other matters of importance were disposed of—notably the setting aside of one night in each week for speechmaking on the questions of the day, the determination being to make every issue plain in its every phase before election day.

After the meeting Mr. Turner and a number of others of the leaders addressed the general committee briefly and practically showing the importance to Victoria of returning the four opposition candidates and thus performing its part in the restoration of good government and provincial prosperity.

Chairmen of the committees can now secure the necessary canvassing books from the secretary on application at the central committee rooms.

A meeting of the executive is called for to-morrow afternoon—in the Foresters' hall, Government street, at 5 o'clock sharp.

VANCOUVER LABOR MEN.

Vancouver, April 30.—There were 28 delegates out of fifty chosen present at the labor convention held to-night to nominate two candidates for the next election. The meeting was very stormy and business was interrupted by several motions to adjourn. The following were named from whom the next meetings will be nominated at the next meeting: R. Macpherson, C. Woodward, George Bartley, Fred Fowler, F. Williams, H. B. Clinchur and Harry Cowan.

THE FIRES OF APRIL

Incendiary Rampant But Comparatively Light Losses on the Whole.

The month of April was prolific in incendiary fires and others of unknown origin; but the losses were small. The record opened on the 11th, with a fire at a Chinese laundry on Quadra street; cause unknown; supposed defective chimney; estimated loss, \$40. On Good Friday morning a second fire almost completely destroyed the frame building which was owned by J. Cowper and occupied by Yeo Chung; loss estimated at \$750; insurance, \$600. The next fire reported was an attempted incendiary at a woodshed adjoining No. 2, Blanchard street; no loss. On the morning of the 17th an ash-box fire was extinguished in the yard adjoining the Western Union telegraph office; no loss. A roof fire occurred on the 17th at a frame building on Store street; cause, sparks falling on shingles; loss estimated at \$30. Two incendiary fires engaged the attention of the fire department on the 19th and 20th, and an attempt to destroy a third building was made at the time that the firemen were out at the Chinese shacks on Pigeon street. The losses from the three fires did not amount to \$50. On the 24th an attempt was made to burn a residence, No. 27 Heywood avenue; little damage was done. During the high wind, on the 20th, sparks ignited the shingles on the roof of Mr. Wey's residence at the corner of Moss street and Fairfield road; loss \$10. The last fire of the month was caused by spontaneous combustion, a careless Chinaman leaving rags saturated with turpentine and oil on the floor of a residence on Simcoe street. Total fires and alarms, 11; estimated losses, \$920.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The Celebration.—The regatta committee and the special committee on illumination met at the city hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

Judgment Reserved.—The trial of Waley King & Casey vs. the City was concluded yesterday before Mr. Justice Martin and judgment was reserved.

Sale of Work.—The Willing Workers of Christ Church cathedral will hold their annual sale of work at the residence of Mrs. Scriver to-morrow from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

A Close Call.—Prompt work by the fire brigade yesterday saved the home of Mr. F. W. Foster, 92 Simcoe street. Rags saturated with turpentine and oil, thrown on the floor by a domestic, ignited by spontaneous combustion, and damage to the extent of \$50 resulted.

Handsome Prizes.—Mr. C. White Mortimer, British vice-consul at Los Angeles, Cal., has presented to the Collegiate School two prizes of \$10 each, one for a historical essay and the other for moral conduct, the recipients to be selected by ballot at the conclusion of the terms. Two sons of Mr. White attend the Collegiate School.

A Wandering Boy.—Mrs. Campbell, of 291 West Princess street, Glasgow, Scotland, desires information of the whereabouts of her son, Alex. Campbell. He was a sailor on the Janet Cowan, which was wrecked off the West Coast in 1895. Information of his whereabouts should be sent to R. Taylor, 75 McClure street, city, who will communicate with Mrs. Campbell.

A Smith Mystery.—Chief Langley yesterday afternoon received a telegram from San Francisco saying that one J. A. Smith had been arrested in the Bay City, and asking if he was wanted in Victoria. A press despatch the other day said J. A. Smith had been arrested at Chicago and that he was wanted in Victoria. Neither the city nor the provincial police know anything of J. A. Smith and believe that if he is really wanted here he has given an assumed name. Chief Langley has wired for a description of the man.

S. P. C. A.—A meeting of the Victoria branch of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held at the office of the society, 28 Broad street, last evening. A report was received from the Victoria delegation who attended the meeting held at Vancouver April 6 for the purpose of adopting a head constitution and forming a provincial head constitution, or executive provincial council. This council does not concern itself with local matters but is, as it were, a sort of grand lodge for British Columbia. The officers for the present year are as follows: President, Mr. J. C. Brown (New Westminster); vice-presidents, Mayor Gatten (Vancouver), Mr. A. J. Dallain (Victoria); secretary, Mr. C. G. South (Vancouver); treasurer, Mr. A. J. Bland (Victoria); C. G. South (Vancouver); treasurer, Mr. A. J. Bland.

One of the cases of cruelty to animals were reported, some of which will be brought into court. A magistrate up the Coast was given authority to carry out the law for the society, with regard to certain cases of cruelty by Indians, who are in the habit of leaving their dogs to starve while they are away at canneries. It is the ambition of the society to educate the children of British Columbia as to the right treatment of dumb creatures, also when necessary to punish persons who are brutal or harsh in their treatment of animals in their charge.

THE OAR.

Crews Chosen.

The following crews have been chosen to row in the first of the series of club four, under the auspices of the J.B.A.A.: 5 o'clock p.m.—J. K. Macrae, K. Wolaston, E. O. S. Schofield, J. Leeming, J. C. Thomson, B. A. Hunter, W. Lorimer, J. A. Bland.

7 o'clock p.m.—W. W. Wilson, Geo. Sheppard, B. C. Pettigell, H. A. Jesse, V. A. Maclean, W. W. Winsby, W. A. McKeown, J. P. Sylvester.

THE GUN.

Joint Meeting.

A joint meeting of the Victoria and Capital gun clubs will be held this evening to complete arrangements for the big shoot in June.

THE KENNEL.

For Frisco.

Mrs. M. E. Hitchcock's Great Dane, Ivan and two Scotch and one Irish terrier, belonging to Mrs. G. Bradley-Dyne, left by the Walla Walla on Sunday for San Francisco, having been entered for the great California bench show.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by B. Williams & Co., Stock Brokers.)

Chicago, April 30.—The following quotations ruled on the board of trade:

Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat— 674 675 674 674

Corn— 40% 41 40% 41

Pork— 12.72% 12.72% 12.57% 12.60

Liver Pork— 58 9d 58 9d

New York, April 30.—The following quotations ruled on the stock exchange:

Open. High. Low. Close.

Amm. Sugar— 118 121% 117% 112%

C. B. & Q.— 115% 125% 124% 124%

C. M. & St. P.— 119% 119% 118% 118%

Manhattan— 93% 92% 93% 93%

People's Gas— 104 104% 103 103

C. P. L. & P.— 108% 108% 107% 107%

Ann. Tob.— 106% 105% 103% 103%

Atchison, Pitt.— 70% 70% 69% 69%

U. P. pfld.— 75% 75% 74% 74%

Tenn. C. & I.— 81% 80% 80% 81%

Atchison com.— 26% 26% 26% 26%

B. & N.— 82 82 81% 81%

B. R. T.— 74% 75% 73% 73%

N. P. pfld.— 75% 75% 74% 74%

U. P. com.— 50% 50% 55% 55%

A. S. & W. com.— 38% 38% 37% 37%

Money loaning at 2 per cent.

Chicago board adjourns to-morrow, May Day.

THIN, WATERY BLOOD.

When the blood is thin and watery, the nerves are actually starved and nervous exhaustion and prostration soon follow. Feed the body well and you will impart to them the life and vigor of perfect health. Face cut and fac-simile signature of Dr. A. W. Chase on every box of the genuine.

Light on an Old Mystery

Wrecked Schooner's Bleaching Bones Supposed to Be of the American Girl.

Captain Meyer Becomes a Naino Pilot—Victorians in the Yukon Trade.

The mystery that has so long surrounded the disappearance of the three-masted schooner American Girl is solved at last, the fishing steamer New England—which has just returned to Vancouver from the Northern fishing grounds—reporting that her bleaching bones are piled in a small, unfrequented bay 70 miles north of Cape St. James and on the eastern shore of Moresby island, of the Queen Charlottes. The dry, clear air of the North has kept the wreck in good preservation. Indeed, from her appearance she would seem to be a victim of a storm not three months past. Bow and stern here, however, both unfortunately, carried away, so that positive identification is impossible, although her American build, her dimensions and her lines as they may be judged from the wreckage, all point to her as the American Girl. This schooner, it will be remembered, was lost in the fierce gales of last November, while en route from San Francisco for Port Hadlock for lumber cargo. The Colusa, the Libertad and three other craft perished in the same autumnal tempest, while the Highland Light and Fernie S. Thompson escaped, the former giving as a last report from the Girl that she had seen her off the Cape battling with the storm. She had then only a fore sail set, and was seemingly being blown out to sea. Her crew numbered eight men all told, and as none have ever been heard from, the well-grounded supposition is that all found sailor's graves.

The spot at which the wreckage now lies is in the trend of the northern current, while it is no wonder that earlier reports have not been received, as there are no Indians now making their home on the island and it is but very infrequently visited, and abounds in little inlets entirely obscured to passing ships.

IT IS NOW PILOT MEYER.

Well Known Victoria Mariner Appointed to the Nanaimo Pilotage.

D. G. S. Quadra was steaming up yesterday preparatory to a run to the West Coast to-day which will extend as far as Cape Beale. The cutter is not, however, to pay her compliments on this occasion to the over-daring habitués of those of the Coast have so frequently complained. That is a matter to which the department is still giving "due consideration"—while the fishing of the fish continues without interruption. The chief point of the Quadra's present cruise is to take down lumber and material for a new tramway from the beach, up the cliff, to the Carmanah lighthouse.

VICTORIAN RESUMES SERVICE.

Improved Propeller Expected to Greatly Lessen Vibration Without Diminution of Speed.

The period of penance for patrons of the Sound route expires to-day, Utopia having made her last trip to the Victoria, and the Victorian resuming her duties this morning, when she is expected to arrive and depart on schedule time. During her week's rest the regular steamer of the run has been fitted with a new propeller especially built for her by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco from plans and specifications by local experts assisted by Glasgow designers. The new propeller is set at a different pitch from the old—a somewhat lessened pitch—which is expected to slightly increase the speed while minimizing the vibration of the ship. The steamer has during the week been thoroughly overhauled, repainted, re-furnished (where refurbishing was required), and generally brightened for the summer service.

FOR CONVENIENCE SAKE.

The Lord Templeton, Drummuir and Dunbarton to be Controlled From this City.

The transfer of the ships Lord Templeton, Drummuir and Dunbarton to specially incorporated Victoria companies, and the registering of these ships at Victoria, is understood not to indicate any new or special employment for these vessels, but merely a move for the convenience of the owners, R. P. Rithet & Co., Limited, are the managing agents of the steamship.

GOSSIP OF THE WATERFRONT.

C.D. Co. Plans—Japanese for California—Flotsam and Jetsam.

Steam collier Universal is due from Nagasaki for R. Dunsuir's Sons.

Steamer Constance went up to Nanaimo yesterday, for coal for Kinham & Co.

German ship Carl, a vessel of 1,916 tons and barely seven years old, is docked at Liverpool for this city direct, consigned to Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.

With the change in the arrangements of the C. D. Co.'s offices referred to a few days ago, Mr. R. T. Elliott goes to Victoria, and Captain Meyer entered the service of the C.P.R. Co., with whom he remained until quite recently, being most of the time in command of the steamship Estrella loaded spars at Ulissdale for the Cape of Good Hope, and after taking her round the world again Captain Meyer returned to Victoria and began steamboating with his father-in-law. When Captain Moore retired from the business, Captain Meyer entered the service of the C.P.R. Co., with whom he remained until quite recently, being most of the time in command of the steamship Danube on the Northern route. In addition to being a skillful navigator, Captain Meyer is cited by the Marine History of the Northwest as "an expert and authority on the subject."

GOING TO THE WATERFRONT.

F. P. Jones—Plans for Japanese Flotsam and Jetsam.

Steamer Tees is due from Northern British Columbia ports this evening or to-morrow.

The ship's boy of the Renay Richmores, now loading at Chemainus, attempted to desert yesterday, but was apprehended by hard-hearted special, and taken back to the mill port.

Captain Henderson, late of the bark Errol, has been appointed second officer of the steamer Tartar, soon to leave for China.

Steamer Tacoma is due at William Head to-day from the Orient.

MARRIED.

FOWLER—WOLFENDEN.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on 30th April, by Rev. Canon Beanlands, Percy Britten, youngest son of the late J. R. Fowler, of South Norwood, Surrey, England, to Kate Cooley, fourth daughter of Lieut.-Col.

Orphans and Their Guardians

Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the B.C. Protestant Home Yesterday.

Important Reports Submitted by Various Committees of Management.

The 27th annual meeting of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon in the city hall. His Worship Mayor Hayward in the chair. There were also present, Dr. Wilson, Rev. E. G. Miller, E. C. Baker, R. S. Day, Wm. Scowcroft, N. Shakespeare and Maudsley Hayward, Higgins, Sargison, McCulloch, McGregor, Going, Hutcheson, Munroe, Gullett, Atkins, McFavish, Berridge, Miss Carr, Miss Crease, Miss Wilson and others. After prayers by the Rev. D. Wilson and the disposal of routine business, a letter from Rev. Dr. Campbell regretting his inability to attend was received, after which the president submitted the following report.

Victoria, B.C., April 30th, 1900.

Ladies and Gentlemen: This, the 27th annual meeting of the subscribers of the home for orphan, destitute and other children, finds the institution still engaged in its noble work, and succeeding beyond the most sanguine expectation of its founders. In contributing not only to the comfort and physical well-being of its beneficiaries, but also endeavoring to exercise an influence for good over them, so that in due course they may be fitted to assume their proper share of the responsibilities and duties of men and women, the far-reaching effects of which it is impossible to estimate.

The unsuccessful effort made last year to secure legislative enactment, enabling the officers of the home to assume the legal guardianship of the neglected and deserted children coming under their care, should not discourage benevolent efforts in this direction. The importance of this subject can scarcely be overstated, and it may be safely asserted that the usefulness of the home would be doubled if the authorities were placed in a position to provide foster homes for some of these children by accepting some of the many applications for adoption, constantly being received. The fear, and almost certainty, of the unnatural parent claiming the children, as soon as they have passed the perils and trials of early childhood, and can be made useful or profitable, effectually deters and prevents their being adopted; and as most of the applications for children come from the farming districts, it is obvious that advantages would accrue to the whole province if our surplus city children could be comfortably placed in situations where they would acquire habits and knowledge fitting them for prosperous and useful citizenship hereafter.

With regard to the grand jury's report made after their recent visit to the home, it should be stated that the suggestions therefor for making the institution more homelike, and for more modest fittings for the domestic pictures for the walls, interior decorations, etc., meets with the hearty approval of the managers, and it is hoped that during the coming year sufficient funds may be available to carry out at least some of these improvements. Unfortunately, however, the prime and first necessity of providing good wholesome food, and plenty of it, suitable warm clothing, boots and shoes, etc., have hitherto taxed our resources to the utmost, and has been practically prohibitive against anything in the line of luxuries or decorations. The kindness of the grand jury in drawing public attention to these necessities may, it is hoped, result in these matters receiving the support and attention they deserve.

The honorary treasurer's report submitted to day has been brought up to date, and therefore includes some new business. The sum of \$1,000, of which we regret to state, is that our present efficient treasurer, Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, finds it necessary, owing to contemplated absence from the city, to decline reappointment.

The falling off of the amount received from the monthly contributions, due to the need of more systematic collections, and must not be taken as indicating in any way the lack of generous sympathy with the work. Our large committee of managers should be subdivided into smaller and more practical bodies, for specific purposes, and particularly for providing the necessary funds. Hitherto nearly the whole of this labor has fallen upon one or two officers, who recently have been unable to devote the necessary time to it, and consequently many first-class contributors have fallen into arrears, and but few new ones obtained.

The annual outing of the orphans and their friends by rail to Duncans, kindly provided by the Messrs. Dunsmuir free of charge, was much enjoyed, and resulted in the substantial sum of \$200.35 being added to our funds. It is not known what direction this year's excursion may take, but it is understood that those having the matter in hand will shortly have a pleasure announcement to make.

The ladies still have full control of the internal affairs of the home, and to their economical and wise administration is due the fact that an average of nearly fifty-six children during the year have been provided with a warm (if not elegantly furnished) home, well fed and clothed, at a cost, including all charges, of \$63.50 per capita, or \$5.31 less than the average cost of the last seven years.

Thankful reference is made in the lady president's report to many kind gifts and loving help, and the matron's statement, published monthly, acknowledges in detail other generous assistance received, and it is not necessary to say more except to hope, to express the hope that the never failing sympathy of the general public in this institution will further supplement the frequent visits to the home. It is most encouraging to the matron and officers and cannot fail but have a salutary effect on the inmates, if they knew and felt that though deprived of the loving care of their natural protectors, they were surrounded by active friends who in some measure attempt to fill their places, and are sincerely anxious for their present and future welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. HAYWARD,
President.

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the committee as visiting ladies for the month, to assist the matron, procure supplies and bring in a report of the working of the home.

We have now a family of fifty-seven. Twenty-one were admitted during the year and twenty-one went from the home, this number being made up as follows: 12 removed by their friends, 7 were placed at service and 2 adopted.

These fifty-seven little people all in one house are well behaved, comfortable and tractable. Though they may miss the little individual attentions that other boys and girls more favored perhaps may have, we must remember that to the untiring energy and watchfulness of our excellent and faithful matron, Mrs. McGregor, the present satisfactory condition of affairs is due. The plan recently adopted by the ladies' committee in placing children out at service or to learn a trade, has proved most satisfactory. We have secured for three of our boys good places at reasonable pay, who are giving a small portion to the home for board. Seven of our girls are giving satisfaction in as many different homes. We regret exceedingly not being able to accept of some happy foster homes that have been offered for little ones under our care. A committee of our ladies, kindly accompanied by Mr. H. D. Helmick, waited upon the ex-Premier, with a view to having something done in this connection while the legislative assembly was in session, but though promising an early consideration, no favorable results came from the interview.

I cannot close this report without extending our grateful thanks to all who by kind deeds or donations of food, clothing or money, have enabled us to provide in the most economical way for the children. In our care, and for demands likely to be made upon us, we are dimly. Particularly would we remember those who so kindly came to our aid at Christmas time and by their assistance and generous gifts decorated the tree, which, though now past, was a thing of beauty while it lasted and greatly enjoyed by the children, who, fortunately, were all in good health this year and able to enjoy it and participate in the good things provided for the Christmas dinner.

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Our thanks are again due to Mr. W. F. Best, for his lantern exhibition in connection with the Christmas entertainment, which delighted so many little hearts.

Our unbounded thanks are due to Mr. S. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, for his more than generous donation of coal, when we consider that it means fifty-eight tons of coal at \$5.50 per ton.

We are also indebted to Miss Glover for the self-denying and painstaking manner in which she has persevered in her weekly class of kindergarten teaching among the younger children.

We must also gratefully mention the authorities of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital for rendering gratuitous medical and surgical services. The grateful thanks of the committee is also accorded to Dr. Macle, Dr. O. J. Jones, Dr. Herman Robertson and Dr. Fraser for attendance at the home.

The Stoneyhurst Working Party also have materially aided us by their useful donations of well-made clothing.

We also desire to thank the press, the various lodges and others who throughout the year have befriended us.

In answer to an appeal sent out by our secretary to the country districts, the people of Saanich, Cowichan and other districts made a generous response in the form of fresh green vegetables and potatoes, which almost filled the home cellar.

In conclusion, let us congratulate ourselves upon the generous reception our appeals have met with, acknowledging the Divine Goodness that has been ours thus far, and still trust that many hearts in the future may be stirred to smooth the paths for these little feet.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE F. McCULLOCH,
President Ladies' Committee.

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The hon. treasurers, Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, then presented the following balance sheet, which was also received and ordered to be printed.

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THE WAR.

As nearly as can be gathered from the extremely fragmentary despatches received, the Boers did a shrewd piece of work by delaying French's advance at Thaba Nchu. Taere does not appear to have been any severe fighting at this point. The Associated Press correspondent thinks they have simply fallen back in order to occupy a stronger position. We think it will be found that their object is simply to create further delay, and that they will retreat on being pressed. We are not clear as to the reason why no advance was made by our troops on the road from Dewetsdorp to Ladysmith; but it is possible that a column is moving in that direction.

The news that a battery of Canadian artillery has arrived at Beira is the first confirmation of the statement that one had been despatched in that direction. This battery will now be well on its way to the Rhodesian frontier.

That wonderful little garrison at Mafeking is holding out splendidly. The enemy persists in his attack with a determination worthy of a better cause. No great good would be accomplished, so far as the Boers are concerned, if Mafeking should fall. The enemy shows rather poor judgment in wasting so much energy in what is now only a vindictive siege.

A. B. C. ROBESPIERRE.

The playwright put these words into the mouth of Robespierre:
"No. Tell your master it will not do. France wants no pulling infants. France wants a strong man. France wants me."

This is the language, quoted from memory, supposed to have been addressed by the great French revolutionist to the confidential emissary of Charles Fox. A young man by the name of McInnes seems to have heard a whisper to the same effect, and he has come forward in response to the call. The difference between the Robespierre of France and our home-made article is that the former died when he lost his head, while the latter has lost his head but not died, although his political demise is not far distant.

It is difficult to take this young man very seriously. He has a certain amount of talent. Indeed, if a political balance wheel could be attached to him he would not be without his uses. But at present he is ungoverned and un-governable. He was elected to represent the constituency of Vancouver in the House of Commons in 1896. In 1898 he became impressed with the idea that his services were needed in the local house, and on May 26 of that year he addressed the electors in a pronouncement from which we make some extract:

I am therefore with feelings of regret that I announce to you my intention of resigning my Dominion seat, for the purpose of contesting a constituency in the approaching provincial elections. I have arrived at this determination only after mature deliberation and upon the urgent solicitation of many friends, who consider that at this critical time in the development of our province a larger field of practical usefulness presents itself in the local legislature.

In this new political sphere my course will be as far as past and dictated alone by what appears to be the most permanent interests of the people. I therefore enter the provincial campaign free of any alliance with either party represented in the provincial legislature; but in the fullest accord with a large body of electors throughout the province, who believe that the existing conditions and immediate possibilities of our country require the introduction into our public life of an element, less actuated by motives of party success and expediency; that will guard our future and shape our legislation more to the public advantage, along well defined principles of progress and equity.

We have reached a crisis in the history of our province. The eyes of the world focus upon us. Our wonderful resources and magnificent opportunities excite universal attention and envy. The times impose tremendous responsibilities. If the awakening in industry, corporation and development is happily aided by timely legislation, the possibilities are unlimited and bewildering to contemplate; should, however, mediocrity, timidity or greed influence our legislation at this time of glorious sunrise, then the headlines of the future are

equally certain. A swift carnival of plunder would swing for a day, amid ruinous and uncontrollable folly, and draw to a close in commercial chaos and a long night of black disappointment.

Our province calls for its best men; it needs them. Let us therefore recognize it as our solemn duty at this critical hour to cast aside the miserable rage of an imported partyism, and as British Columbians, united and confident, grasp our opportunities with wisdom, vigor and hope. Above all should we concentrate our efforts towards securing from all parties, classes and sections, without small or selfish distinction, men strong in hope, sound in principle and safe in action, wherein to form the strongest possible legislature and the most capable and honest administration. Thus only can our unparalleled heritage be safely and fairly administered and made the basis of an early, full and permanent prosperity.

I will shortly take leave to submit my views. Before closing, permit me to again express my deepest appreciation of the confidence with which you have honored and encouraged me, and to assure you that, as a British Columbian, it will continue to be my highest duty—whether in a public or private capacity—to do all I can to increase the general prosperity and heighten the prestige of our imperial province.

Grave as was the crisis in 1898, and notwithstanding the fo— and other cussing to which the province was being subjected to the eyes of the world, Mr. McInnes concluded to let someone else bear "the tremendous responsibilities," and failed utterly to interject himself into the fray to retard the approach of the "swift carnival of plunder." The province kept on calling for "its best men," and this particular best man, instead of boldly plunging into the gulf, like that Roman fellow that we read about in history, hid away to Ottawa, forgot all about the "magnificent opportunities" and left us to struggle amid "mediocrity," "greed," "timidity," "ruinous and uncontrollable folly," and a lot of other things.

Last July Mr. McInnes was again moved by the spirit of resignation, but this time he was only going to make a solemn protest against the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier had treated the Mongolian question. He made his declaration in the most public way, with sufficient oratorical fireworks to ignite half the coal mines on Vancouver Island. Did he resign? Well, not to any conspicuous extent. Now he is on the warpath again. This time the object of his divine rage is Mr. Dunsmuir. Mr. Dunsmuir is to be exterminated. There is some doubt in the mind of Mr. McInnes whether Mr. Dunsmuir shall be allowed any standing room in this world or the next. He has only one hope, only one aspiration, namely to pulverize Mr. Dunsmuir. The exact nature of Mr. Dunsmuir's offence is not at present known, but it is doubtless something very terrible, for Mr. McInnes is prepared to contest all and sundry constituencies in order to make the work of extermination swift and doubly sure. "The bewildering possibilities," "the glorious sunrise," "the commercial chaos," "the black disappointment," "the unparalleled heritage," and all the other verbal gymnastics of the 1898 pronunciamento have, like the "cloud-capt towers" and other things that Shakespeare tells of, faded from vision, and nothing remains but the spectacle of little Jack the Giant-Killer, clad in the impenetrable mail of his self-conceit, marching forth to slay the Awful Ogre. But he has not yet resigned from the House of Commons.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We think that the Colonist may assume the responsibility of speaking for the people of Victoria and extend an expression of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen from Nanaimo, who contributed so much to the success of the production of the "Messiah." They have placed Victoria under a debt of gratitude, which is pleasant to bear, but must be repaid in the same generous way in which the obligation has been bestowed. It is also probable that Nanaimo will this year more than ever assist this city in making the Queen's Birthday celebration a success. Victorians must not forget this, and when the opportunity arises they must take advantage of it to make a fitting return.

THE PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE.

We print this morning the twenty-seventh annual report of the Protestant Orphans' Home. This institution is doing excellent work. Fifty-seven children, who would otherwise be subject to extreme uncertainty of life, if not actual destitution are being cared for at the home, and each year additions are made to the family, while others are sent out into the world all the better for their stay at the institution. His Worship Mayor Hayward, president of the Orphanage, draws attention to the necessity for pressing legislation conferring on the officers of the home certain powers in regard to the adoption of children. He seems to make out a strong case. His reference to the report of the Grand Jury shows the necessity for those who are able to contribute to the support of the institution.

The report of the president of the ladies' committee is very interesting, and shows how much good is being accomplished by those who generously contribute their time and substance towards promoting the welfare and happiness of these young people.

While the orphanage is prosperous and doing good work, it is needless to say that its efficiency would be enhanced if those responsible for its management had more funds at their disposal. We commend the institution as one deserving of the very heartiest support of the community and express the hope that the list of contributions will this year be larger than ever.

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THE BAND OF THE FIFTH.

We take great pleasure in expressing, so far as we are able to speak, the appreciation which the citizens feel of the part taken, during the amusement season now drawing to a close, by Mr. Finn and the musicians who are associated with him in the band of the Fifth Regiment. Their public-spirited efforts culminated in the concert of Sunday night, which was a very happy thought, promptly conceived and most effectively carried out.

It is also pleasant to be able to record that the people of Victoria responded nobly to the appeal made to them by the press last autumn, and extended to the band a very liberal patronage. This musical organization is so closely in touch with the amusements of the people that very much depends upon its prosperity.

We assume that when an Ottawa despatch says "Appraisers place the loss by fire at Ottawa at \$3,012,000," the reference is to property wholly or in part covered by insurance.

There seems to be something serious unexplained behind the Welland Canal dynamite outrage; that is, if it is true that the frontier on the St. Clair river is to be guarded. The St. Clair is the outlet of Lake Huron.

There is every prospect that the school boys of Victoria will do their share towards making the Queen's Birthday celebration a success. The several Principals will co-operate with the citizens' committee, and there is no doubt about their efforts being loyally seconded by the boys.

The Khaki society women are not receiving many compliments these days. There is a certain smart set of women in London, who have so little to do that they are eternally getting in the way. The professional nurse is a glory to humanity; but the sensation-hunting amateur is an unmixed nuisance.

CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES.

(News-Advertiser.)

We reprint an article from the Victoria Colonist which discusses the state of things in government circles in Victoria, which, but a few months ago, no one could have believed possible of occurrence in British Columbia. We have been at some trouble to assure ourselves that the statement made by the Colonist is correct, and regret that the information we have obtained leaves no doubt about the matter.

The Colonist goes so fully into the details and gives such complete information in regard to the law on the subject of the issuance of special warrants, that it is not necessary for us to do so. Suffice it to say that for reasons which will be apparent to any thoughtful person, the power of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to issue special warrants for expenditures not authorized by the legislature is strictly limited to cases of emergency or for purposes the necessity of which could not be foreseen and provided for by the legislature. Appropriations for ordinary expenditures or for the carrying out of public works not made necessary or advisable through some accident or unexpected circumstance, are not such purposes as can by any stretch of the construction of the law be brought within the category of expenditure which can be provided for by the issuance of special warrants.

Now, what do we learn that the government has just done? That it has issued a special warrant for \$4,000 for the construction of a portion of the trunk road between Nanaimo and Comox! This is a new piece of work, the completion of which is, of course, desirable, but not more so than similar undertakings in many other parts of the province. The fact is, however, before the legislature for several years. It is probable than an appropriation for the purpose would have been made by the late government had it been able to pass the estimates at the last session. But no government which desired to keep within the law would propose to provide for this expenditure by the issuance of a special warrant and without any authorization by the legislature.

What, it may be asked, has led a government controlled by a premier who professes so much respect for popular rights as Mr. Martin, does, to defy the authority of the legislature so flagrantly as has been done by the issuance of this special warrant? The fact is, stated by the Colonist, and which we have been unable to ascertain—supplies an answer to this question. It is a deliberate attempt to corrupt the voters of Comox—a bribe to them to support the most extraordinary of all Mr. Martin's collection of cabinet curiosities in his candidature for the seat for that district. There is no possible escape from that conclusion because Mr. Ryder himself is traversing the district and showing the warrant as an inducement to the voters to support him. We have had in the past to condemn the action of the provincial government for expending money appropriated by the legislature in such a manner as to influence voters in supporting the administration. But in this case the legislature has duly authorized such appropriations; it was only in the method of their expenditure that there was room for hostile criticism. But in the present instance we find the government taking upon itself to issue a special warrant, absolutely in defiance of the law and for the especial object of corrupting a constituency, the Finance Minister, for whose particular assistance it is done, declaring openly to the electors that they must support him on account of this expenditure.

We need not waste any words in condemning a premier who, as the attorney-general, has to advise the Lieutenant-Governor on the propriety and legality of such acts. It is only to be hoped that with many other means which Mr. Martin has taken in the desperate effort to secure support from the electors. But it is painful to be forced to come to the conclusion that the chief executive of the province cannot escape from the condemnation, whether every voter, who desires honest and upright administrative methods will pass on those who have been guilty of such conduct as this. As shown by his letter to Mr. Semlin, the Lieutenant-Governor was so well aware of the extreme caution which should be exercised in the use of special warrants, that he then thought it preferable to refuse to assent to the issuance of one for the purpose of discharging a liability in connection with a public work which has been duly authorized by the legislature and was a matter of urgent public necessity, but which, through unforeseen and uncon-

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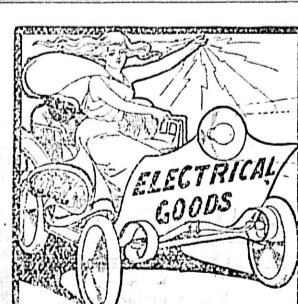
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Large Audience at Second Performance Testifies to Public Appreciation.

Beauties of Handel's Great Composition Brought Out With Exquisite Effect.

The second presentation of the "Messiah" at the drill hall last evening was again favored with a most gratifying attendance, the large audience filling all the seats on the ground floor and flowing over into the galleries. The splendid patronage extended by the citizens of Victoria to the two performances of Handel's masterpiece was the subject of much favorable comment, especially among those who had labored so hard during the past few weeks to make the patriotic concert both a financial and artistic success. The undertaking was most ambitious, for it was felt that a musical work of such magnitude could not be brought out in Victoria in a manner befitting the lofty nature of Handel's exacting music. In the face of the great success achieved, all cavillers must dip their colors and own that Mr. Austin must have made a very careful and exact estimate of the musical resources of Victoria before launching his bold venture. Great praise is due to all the members of the chorus and orchestra for their patriotic spirit and their several lies not only in the fact that they have benefited themselves by close study of Handel's great composition, but also in being the means of introducing such a great oratorio to the general public.

The more intimate one becomes with the way in which Handel develops his mighty theme, the greater the appreciation and admiration. New beauties dawn at every step, veiled suggestions are suddenly translated into clear meanings, and what appeared vague and incoherent at first glance gradually creeps out in the list of independent into the clear numberless concretes of distinctness. This is not to imply that the "Messiah" is obscure; on the contrary, it is simply itself, and requires no cryptogram to interpret its wonderful beauties. It is by virtue of this very simplicity that it has won such universal popularity, for just as the simple Gospel teachings have won the homage of millions, so Handel by shunning all complexities has succeeded in glorifying his theme.

In the hasty notice of Saturday night's concert, Mrs. Green's splendid singing received scant, if any, comment. This is singularly regretful, as Mrs. Green's singing of "Come Unto Him All Ye That Labor" was one of the principal features of the evening. In volume, range, tone coloring and method, she proved most acceptable. There was no appearance of effort, and the impression was that of restraint and reserve power. Last evening Mrs. Green was again in magnificent voice, and entered into the spirit of her song with all the concentration of effort characteristic of a true artist. The audience demonstrated its appreciation with unstinted applause, and she was also handed a basket of flowers, in which roses, carnations and sweet peas were arranged with consummate taste. Mr. Gilson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. M. N. Cave were also unfeignedly honored. These three gentlemen acquitted themselves in a way that was eminently satisfactory. Mr. Fleks in the bass solo "The People that Walked in Darkness" having an excellent opportunity to accentuate the reputation hitherto achieved by him in local circles. Both Mr. Cave and Mr. Planta sang in better form last evening. Their solos were difficult, and must have received careful study. It is sufficient to say that Mrs. Janion, Miss L. Loewen, Mrs. Gregson, Miss Edith Lombard, Miss E. Sehl and Mrs. F. R. Pemberton duplicated their triumphs of other evenings.

Mr. Green's male voices possessed many technical difficulties and her handling of the rapid passages made what was really difficult vocalization appear comparatively easy. Miss E. Sehl made a much better impression last evening, her voice having more power and expression, and, in fine, leaving very little, if anything, to be desired. The gem of the evening from a syncretic standpoint, was the rendering of "He Was Despised." Miss Edith Lombard's singing of this was a treat, for her voice with its rich, soulful contralto is admirably adapted for pathos. This number on the programme stands out by itself by reason of the finished accomplishment. The first violin, first violins were singularly delicate and staccato, and the second violins, violas, 'cellos and double basses were sufficiently subordinated to produce a rendition that ranks superior to any song instrumentally accompanied ever presented by local talent. The orchestra was also really well up to the mark in Mrs. Pemberton's solo, "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth." This was another gem, and, from a melodic aspect, perhaps the most delightful number in the oratorio. Mrs. Pemberton's voice in tenderness, carrying power and compass brought out very vividly the theme of abiding faith. Mr. Barton, Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones, a grand trio of voices. Mr. Barton's powerful notes swelling out with wonderful vigor in "Why Do the Nations," whilst Mr. Jones, of Nanaimo, charmed all in "Thus Salth the Lord of Hosts." Mr. Brown in "Behold, I Tell You a Mystery" and "The Trumpet Shall Sound," was in fine voice. Mr. North's trumpeting was not up to his first night's efforts, the notes being too staccato. However, it would be difficult to get anyone in the province to attempt, much less perform, such a difficult part.

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ed and a rousing cheer was given for Nanaimo. Mr. Austin also expressed thanks to the choristers and orchestra for their zealous efforts and expressed his satisfaction in the way in which the oratorio had succeeded. A cheer and tiger were also given to Mr. Austin.

It is much to be regretted that the Lieutenant-Governor, the Mayor or the citizens committee did not make any provision in the way of tangibly demonstrating to the Nanaimo contingent how much their services were appreciated by the citizens of Victoria. Upon the occasions that Farm's and Glazier's Masses were given in Nanaimo, the ladies of the Con. City were specially hospitable to their guests from Victoria. Something went amiss when it can be said that over eight singers came to Victoria to aid in the presentation of an oratorio in aid of a patriotic fund, and were allowed to wander about at their own sweet will, without anything in the nature of reception or some other form of public reception being extended to them. The Nanaimo chorus can be assured that their singing was much appreciated, and that much regret has been expressed that the city's guests should not have been becomingly entertained.

THEATRICAL

Col. Thompson, of the Boston Lyric Opera Company, which commences a season of five nights of opera to-night, with the tenor Russo and his organization of singers in a superb repertoire, consisting of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Sal Pasha" to-night, Wednesday, "Il Trovatore," Thursday, "Manzoni," "Fidelio," "Mascotte" and fourth, "Rigoletto"; Saturday matinee, "Martha"; Saturday night, "Faust," a manager of the front rank in the operatic world. He was born in Australia and comes from a musical family, his father being the Sousa of that island. The Colonel left home at an early age, bound for America, where he at once showed an aptitude for comic opera productions, and then there embarked fully and absolutely in this form of attraction to the exclusion of all others. His success from the very start was phenomenal; his keen perception and liberal spirit cut a great figure in his road to wealth—he always made a rule to surround himself with the very best, and the operatic market afforded him to produce such operas as the public demanded and to costume them as lavishly as possible.

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The biograph presents the only perfect moving pictures, and its series of views are the only ones that are genuine reproductions of war scenes and the Canadian contingents. Miss Beverley Robinson, the eminent soprano, and M. Owen A. Smily are a programme in themselves. The Toronto Globe says: "The biograph at Massey hall yesterday afternoon and evening was greeted with crowded houses, and many were turned away from the doors unable to gain admission. The moving pictures are the finest ever shown here. The war pictures have every appearance of being real things, and are such as to excite a patriotic feeling in the most indifferent person. The communication was received and filed, the information given by the engineer to be forwarded to Mr. Speed.

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Much Business Before Council

Mr. Bodwell Gives Important Opinion Regarding Craigflower Road Dispute.

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Thomas C. Sorby informed the board that on December 6 last he had forwarded a drawing of his harbor plan and he would like the same returned.

Ald. Stewart did not think it was customary to give things which were made a present to the city. However, he did not have any objection to returning the plans to Mr. Sorby.

Ald. Brydon moved that Mr. Sorby's request be granted, which was adopted.

C. C. Moody complained he had received no official communication as to how his last letter was dealt with.

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The letter was received and referred to the sanitary officer and city engineer for report.

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Ald. Cameron moved that the question of the Moss street extension be laid over and a report brought in from a special committee.

He thought an effort was being made to sidetrack Moss street, and could not see why.

Ald. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried, the Mayor appointing as a committee Ald. Kinsman, Cameron and Stewart.

The other portion of the report took the

same course, the portion requiring \$10 to accompany applications for water being adopted.

The market superintendent reported having received fees for the month amounting to \$103.20.

Residents on Belleville street petitioned for a curb on the south side of that thoroughfare, agreeing if the work was done to keep the space between the curb and the water sown in grass.

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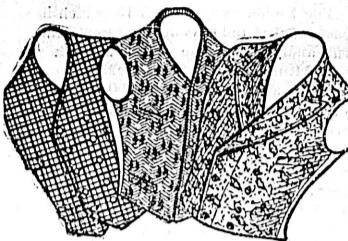


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Letters to The Editor.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BIG FOUR.

Sir: It is only with the profoundest alarm that we see so many Chinese and Japs arriving in our province. What is the cause of the sudden influx of this undesirable class of immigrants? Their presence among us is not only a menace to the white laborer, and it is a question that affects all classes of our community. Laborers, merchants, lawyers, doctors and even editors do not escape the blight they bring upon our province. They come to us without invitation, with their bodily diseases, their unhealthiness, their heathenism, and their close corporation system that dooms our community to a life quiet by and say nothing, and our representatives and government fail to grasp the situation, or understand the tremendous consequences upon the present and future generations of our people. The question is what can be done in the present crisis? I would suggest this among other things:

That the electors of the city and province demand the pledge from those seeking our suffrages, that they will introduce and pass the same restrictive measures (and apply the same to Japs) as are now in force in Australia, and that you can put this down, Mr. Editor, that I for one will not vote for any man who will not go that length, for the salvation of his country.

BRITISHER.

REMEMBER THE VOLUNTEERS.

Sir: I have just finished reading another account of the work done by the Canadians—first contingent—in South Africa. I wonder how many of us who attended the "Farewell" at the Drill Hall that memorable Sunday evening, really thought that the boys we were then cheering so wildly would ever be called upon for the terribly hard but glorious work that made Cronje surrender. I venture to say that very few of us anticipated anything of the sort, and what is more, very few of the boys themselves thought of it either. What a scene that was: "A thin red line" composed of two score of Victoria's best and bravest boys waiting to be called, each in his turn, to mount that platform to be stormed by the cheers of thousands of their comrades and fellow-citizens, and to receive the purse, the value of which to them did not lie in what it contained but in the knowledge that it was a spontaneous offering of goodwill and Good-speed from citizens who were proud of them and who could find no other way to show them that there was something tugging at their heart-strings which must find expression in some form. It was a glorious night.

And that march to the boat; the madly-cheering multitude, the soul-inspiring strains of "Soldiers of the Queen," the silent grief of mothers, sisters and brothers who were parting with their boys,

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perhaps for the last time and in the midst of all the "Good-bye, old man," of the comrades as they shook hands for the last time. It was surely a wonderful night.

And what a scene was that upon that fatal yet glorious morning when for the first time in the history of the Empire Canadian boys laid down their lives on foreign battlefield in defense of Britain's grand old flag. Yes, the scene has changed; it is not night now but morning. It is a line of khaki-clad forms now, not serge-clad, but it is composed of the same boys whose faces were so familiar on these streets of ours so recently. They are not seen shrinking from the deadly work before them than they shrank from mounting that platform a few short weeks before. Tired, footsore, half-drowned, hungry and thirsty, these brave boys, surely and determinedly, now creeping, now crawling and now running, take up position after position nearer the enemy's trenches in the face of a hail-storm of murderous bullets. There they lie. There are now no thousands of cheering citizens, no pleasurable anticipation of a long and interesting journey over land and sea, to the theatre of stirring events; nothing but to lie as they are under a scorching South African sun, hungry, yet without food, almost mad with thirst, yet without water, waiting for those merciless Boer bullets falling like hail all around them with their own individual messages of death still arrowed or darkening intention. Their Queen is down to their favorite Sergeant and comrade is down; men are falling and dying all about them; as they talk one with another of that Sunday night not so long ago, one stumbles and falls, and yet so determined are they to do honor to their regiment and to their Canadian home and to their duty to their Queen, their country and their flag that the Boer General afterwards said that his men dare not even show their heads above their own trenches for fear of bullets from these same Victoria boys, but held up their rifles above their heads and fired at random. If we were proud of our boys that Sunday evening, what are we now?

Sir, it is only when we place these two scenes before our minds that we fully realize what our boys have done and how worthy they were of that send-off. I would therefore ask that in the coming celebration the Victoria contingent in South Africa be not forgotten. The public will have an opportunity to remember them in a practical way in the theatre on the evening of the 23rd, but I would suggest to the officers and men of the Fifth Regiment that the thousands of visitors to Victoria should have the glorious conduct of our boys brought before them, and perhaps no more fitting way in which to do this would be for the regiment to arrange one or more floats for the procession illustrating some incident of the fight at Paardeberg Drift. We have shewn our sorrow at the death of the brave fellows who fell; let us also show our appreciation of the glorious work with which they fell and of the honor won by those who survived.

I know nothing about getting up floats or tableau but I am sure that some of the officers of the "Fifth" could easily devise one or two, and perhaps a very appropriate one could be arranged representing two of our boys as stretcher-bearers carrying Captain Arnold to the rear after two of their comrades had fallen in performing the same duty. Another one might represent Lord Roberts congratulating Sergeant Northcott and his squad of twenty men in the trenches on the conduct of his comrades in the battle.

I am convinced that if some such floats could be arranged and escorted by the Fifth Regiment they would afford the opportunity for an even wilder outburst of enthusiasm than that manifested on that Sunday evening; a demonstration in which any Victorian will be only too proud to join.

HERBERT CUTHBERT.

CONCERNING ROYALTY.

How a German Commoner Tries the Emperor's Patience—The Spanish Pretender.

In the month of May we find thousands of tired, run-down, weary and half-sick men and women who are not in a condition to cope with the work and duties of every-day life.

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particularly strict and narrow in his ideas on the nobility question. Presence at court functions was likewise denied to Wesendonck, and in short along with others who have been particularly friendly to the deceased Kaiser, he tasted of the living Kaiser's dislike.

He took his revenge, however, in an unexpected manner. In his private villa, situated in the west end quarter of Berlin, he started a small weekly paper, which is edited, printed and published there, and is entitled Court Correspondent, being devoted mainly to gossip about the Emperor. His every move is commented upon, many a clever epigram and subtle innuendo being made at his expense, and scenes from his private life, past and present, are laid bare with irony, not to say evident relish, yet avoiding with all possible care the dangers of his majesty. In Germany society the paper is liable to be thrown into the court bomb.

Its principal contributors are believed to include several princes and attaches to the royal family itself. Much of its information could be obtained in no other way. The limit of Emperor William's patience has been reached on more than one occasion, but his police have been unable to find sufficient grounds to warrant the arrest of the troublesome Herr Wesendonck and the suppression of the sarcastic paper.

Don Carlos, the famous pretender, was highly indignant to read in Vienna papers lately that during the course of the trial with his daughter he had stoutly denied his Spanish nationality, and claimed to be of Austrian extraction. Such a mistake was of vital importance for an aspirant to the Bourbon throne to let slip, and after no end of blustering on his part and the active assistance of a couple of the "faithful," he succeeded in having the following rectification appear in the leading papers:

"Don Carlos, from his country, Don Carlos refused to submit to a code promulgated by an authority not recognized by him, for he admits as tribunal only the grand marshal of the court of his imperial and royal apostolic majesty. Furthermore, he has never considered himself Austrian, but has remained Spanish, heart and soul."

The English "Society for the Prevention of Consumption" published over by the Prince of Wales, was recently addressed by Sir William Broadbent, who stated that it was definitely known that every case of consumption began with a germ communicated from some other case. There is no such thing as an inherited consumption. There may be local weakness which tends to consumption but the germ has absolutely to be planted in the body before consumption can ensue.

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